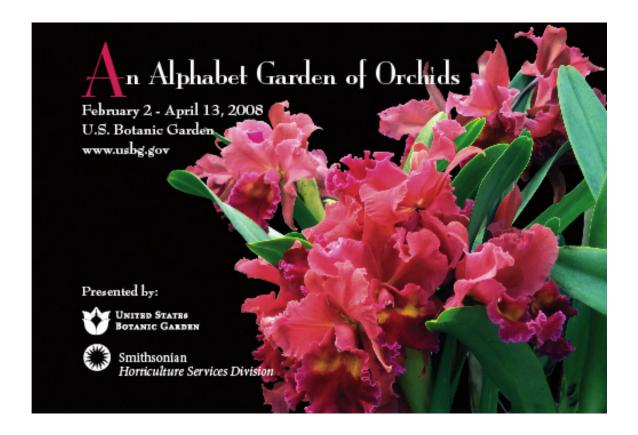
## **An Alphabet Garden of Orchids**



Each year the United States Botanic Garden and the Smithsonian Institution's Horticulture Services Division co-sponsor an exhibit featuring orchids from both institutions' plant collections. The upcoming orchid exhibit, called 'An Alphabet Garden of Orchids,' will open at the USBG Conservatory on Saturday, February 2, 2008, and remain on display through Sunday, April 13. Visitors may wander through and linger in the "storybook pages" of a garden that celebrates the beauty and diversity of orchids, from their Allure . . . to their outrageous Blooms . . . to their Mystique . . . to the Zeal of orchid lovers worldwide. As in past years, the National Capital Orchid Society also will participate, displaying a selection of its members' award-winning orchids and having experts on hand to demonstrate how to grow diverse types of orchids.